

House Resolution No. 4081

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the opening of Isabel’s House, Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks, named for Isabel O’Reilly, the matriarch of the O’Reilly family, significant donors for the project; and

Whereas, the Junior League of Springfield believes the welfare of our children is among the most important human rights; and child abuse and neglect has been identified as a warning sign in our community by many assessments, summits, and reports, and child abuse rates in Greene County exceed the state and national averages; and a crisis nursery is a proven child-abuse prevention tool and a recognized and identified community need; and

Whereas, the Junior League of Springfield’s partners in this project are Burrell Behavioral Health, the City of Springfield, CoxHealth, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Missouri State University, St. John’s Health System, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, and the United Way of the Ozarks; and

Whereas, fund-raisers held to help finance Isabel’s House include “Sassafras!” and “Women Who Can Dish It Out” cookbooks, the Plaid Door Resale Boutique, Celebrate the Season holiday events, the Charity Ball, the Charity Horse Show, city, state, and federal governments, along with private donations and grants; and

Whereas, the original board members include Brooke O’Reilly–chairman, Sherry Hellweg, Sandy Howard, Andrea McKinney, Stephanie Montgomery, Lisa Officer, Amy Pinegar, Heather Trinca, and Cindy Waites; and

Whereas, Isabel’s House will provide respite care twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, for families experiencing a temporary crisis, and children ranging in age from newborns to twelve will stay an average of three-to-five days, uninterrupted, while their care-giver finds ways to resolve the crisis, with the further assistance of Isabel’s House in form of respite, training, support, and education; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and our gratitude to the Junior League of Springfield and their partners for making Isabel’s House, Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks a reality; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Isabel’s House, Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4081, adopted June 19, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker